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Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-67 are cancelled. New claims 68-86 are presented. While the new claims are closely based on the original claims, they are presented as new claims in an effort to ease their examination. Therefore, claims 68-86 are present for examination.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has asserted that claims 1-67, as previously amended are directed to a different invention and therefore has required their restriction. These claims are canceled. The new claims are intended to be directed to what the Examiner has identified as the Newly elected invention. These refer to signals and not to packets.

Prior Rejections for Obviousness

In a previous action, the Examiner relied on U.S. Patent No. 6,894,982 to Shimizu ("Shimizu") as showing an interrupt line b, c to affect a CPU 21 based on the slots of a TDMA cellular radio communication system. Applicants refer the Examiner to Figure 2 of Shimizu which shows that the system is reactive. The start interrupt is enabled at the beginning of the slot so that by the time the CPU responds, there has been some overlap with the radio TDMA slot. Similarly, the end interrupt is not enabled until after the end of the slot so that the CPU is slowed (Figure 3) longer than necessary.

In Claim 68, the timing reference of the radio is determined and then the start of the reception is predicted based on the timing reference. Applicants are unable to find any suggestion of such a prediction in Shimizu. Note also that there is a connector between the radio and the

coupled computer. Shimizu shows in Figure 1, two sections 1, 2 and a few lines that relate only to the Figure 2 and 3 processes. There is no suggestion that one is a coupled computer and that there is a connector between them. This distinction is brought out in more detail in Claim 78.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

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The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

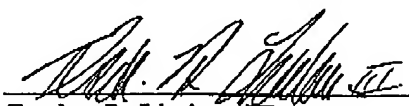
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,
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